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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for providing self-issuing certificates in a <u>first</u> device in a telecommunications system, the first device having a certificate-signing key, the method comprising:

receiving, from an external source, a request to generate a new certificate, wherein the request includes a public key, wherein the public key is smaller in size than the certificate-signing key;

using a secure microprocessor <u>inside the first device</u> to generate a new certificate for the public key; and

<u>directing the first device to use</u> ~~using~~ the new certificate in data transfers.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the request includes a validity time, the method further comprising:

including the validity time in the new certificate.

3. (Previously Added) The method of claim 1, wherein the new certificate is provided to a second device, allowing the second device to use a smaller public/private key pair.